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Dear Parents & Carers

Message from Mrs Majcher

Spring is here at last and how lovely it is to see all the flowers in bloom, especially the ring of beautiful purple crocuses on the front lawn planted in aid of 'Eradication of Polio Worldwide'. My thanks go to Mike Ware of the Bourne End & Cookham Rotary Club who placed a plaque in the circle.



It's been a very busy term and the highlight for me is seeing the children's faces as they choose their next Big Cat reading book, with words such as "wow", "awesome" and "brilliant". Now that's what reading is all about. "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss, I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!

Parent Consultation Evenings

It was great to see so many of you. Thank you for all the positive comments about our new Key Learning Skills (which are available on the website) and the Interim Reports. I am glad you will find them so useful.

Please keep them to hand and ask your child about his/her learning. They will be impressed that you will know so much.

Big Cat Reading Books

You should be seeing a plastic folder with a reading book in it coming home every night. We ask that when you hear your child read you sign the reading log or diary. Please use the bookmark to ask your child questions about the book. Remember reading is all about comprehension not just the words. At the back of each book there are lots of suggestions that you could do with your child.

Mrs Lawrence will be putting the PowerPoint presentation on the website for you.



Thank you everyone

My thanks go to all those lovely mummies who found the time to come in and help us cover all the books. I know you secretly enjoyed it!! We even had one of our governors, Rachel Bailey who brought down some keen sixth formers to have a go too! It was a great example of community spirit.

Attendance

Please help your child win the weekly competition. Remember:
Be in to win!

Parking

Please can we remind parents that they should not drive into the school car park at the beginning or end of the school day and when picking children up from after-school clubs or use the entrance to turn around. This is for the safety of all of our children.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Red Nose Day

The children looked great in their red outfits.
The total raised for Comic Relief was £218.84



Scholastic Book Fair

We raised an amazing £762.67 over the week.
Thank you to everyone who helped sell the books. We shall use the commission received to buy lots more books for the school.

E-Safety for Parents

Please have a look at our website. Ms Preston has worked very hard at locating lots of documents you will find useful. Remember keeping our children safe whilst on the internet is a priority.

Science Week

To find out what the children got up to during Science Week, please see the attached sheet.



Parent/Carer Helpers Please!

If you can spare some time to hear our children read, please let us know.

We have class lists in reception with lots of very keen children who need to be heard read.

Year 5 Visit to The Chesham Mosque

In RE this term Year 5 have been studying Islam. As part of our studies we went to visit The Chesham Mosque.

We had a very informative guided tour of the mosque and a couple of our Muslim pupils explained their rituals and practices with the year group.

Thank you to the staff of Chesham Mosque for making us so welcome.



Carrington's Summer Wish List

- Plants for our tubs. As you buy your bedding plants, perhaps you could buy one for us.
- If you can get us plants at a discounted price, please let us know.
- Paper and card.

Good-bye

We will be saying good-bye to Mr Da Costa and Miss Williams in July. Both members of staff are relocating to be with their partners. We thank them for all their hard work at Carrington Junior School and wish them all the best at their new schools.



Happy Easter Everyone!

Thank you for all your support.

Important Dates for your Diary

Event	Date & Time
School closes for Easter	Friday 31 st March at 2.15pm
PTA Summer Fayre Meeting	Tuesday 18 April at 7.30pm @ The Stag
School opens	Wednesday 19 th April
May Day Bank Holiday – school closed	Monday 1 st May
SATs Week for Year 6	Beginning Monday 8 th May
PTA Circus Event	Thursday 18 th May
Inset day	Friday 26 th May
Half term	29 th May – 2 nd June

Science Week at Carrington Junior School 27th- 31st March



Astro Dome

Science Week began by a mobile planetarium coming to Carrington Junior School. All year groups had a 50 minute presentation inside the Astro Dome. This was an inspiring presentation about the Earth, Sun and Moon, the other planets in our Solar system and images of the night sky including black holes. Peter Golding also talked about space travel. He showed the film footage of Neil Armstrong and fellow astronauts landing on the moon and suggested that one of our school children could be travelling to Mars in the future. Astro Dome have a super website with great links to other science sites with countless ideas of activities to do at home. So please encourage your children to have a go in Easter holidays. The Carrington Staff would love to see what they have done, so please bring it in next term.

http://home.btconnect.com/astrodome/Astrodome_Home.html



Children taking the lead in Science Investigations

This year Carrington Junior School is taking part in the Big Science Event, a science competition organised by Science Oxford. Our winning team will go forward to a cluster judging round in May and if we are lucky enough to win, to a finals day in June in Buckinghamshire.

Children have chosen to investigate a variety of questions, e.g. Which fizzy drink produces the highest fountain? Which sweets melt the quickest? Which metal oxidises (rusts) the quickest? Does slime help you concentrate? Which ingredients make the most foam? How can you make oobleck dance?

The children have really enjoyed taking responsibility for their learning; planning their experiments, carrying them out, recording results and drawing conclusions from their own investigations. Year 6 have been concentrating on SATs preparation so later in the Summer Term they will have their own Science Week.

To find out more information; <https://scienceoxford.com/events/big-science-event/>

Water Rocket Launcher

Year 5 were generously lent a Water Rocket Launcher by Ron Lewin, a retired Scientist, thank you Ron. We had great fun launching rockets on the school field. Lottie Baker's group had added a nose cone and side fins. Their design helped them send their rocket the longest distance. Well done!



*Ms P Symes
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